

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A hand tool for immobilizing a T-connector, the hand tool comprising:

an elongated handle portion, said handle portion including a grip end, and a snap connection;

a head portion removably fixed to said handle portion by said snap connection,

~~the~~ said head portion having means for capturing two aligned nuts of ~~said~~ a T-connector;

wherein said means for capturing two aligned nuts of the T-connector comprises a pair of rigid claws, each claw of said pair of rigid claws including an interior surface sized to capture a corresponding one of the two aligned nuts of the T-connector thereby preventing lateral movement of the two aligned nuts.

Claims 2 and 3 (*Canceled*)

Claim 4. (*Currently Amended*) The hand tool of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein said snap connection comprises a lug extending from ~~one of said handle portion and said head portion, said lug extending into,~~ a hole formed in ~~another of said handle portion and said head portion,~~

said lug including a snap connector having a spring-loaded ball bearing, said hole having a detent formed in a sidewall thereof, said lug extending into said hole, and said snap connector engaging a said detent formed in the sidewall of said hole.

Claim 5. (*Canceled*)

Claim 6. (*Currently Amended*) The hand tool of claim 3 1, wherein each claw of said pair of rigid claws includes an interior cylindrical surface that extends a majority around a circumference of a cylinder.

Claim 7. (*Original*) The hand tool of claim 6, wherein an axis of said cylinder is parallel to an axis of said handle portion.

Claim 8. (*Original*) The hand tool of claim 6, wherein an axis of said cylinder is generally perpendicular to an axis of said handle portion.

Claim 9. (*Original*) The hand tool of claim 3 1, wherein each said claw of said pair of rigid claws comprises a pair of jaws adapted for extending around a respective side of one of the aligned nuts and preventing lateral movement of the nut.

Claim 10. (*Currently Amended*) A T-connector holding tool, comprising:

a handle having a grip portion and a mounting lug extending from the grip portion;

said mounting lug including a cylindrical end portion;

a head having a cylindrical body, the cylindrical body having a bore defined therein, the mounting lug being removably inserted into the bore in order to attach the head to the handle; and

first and second claws attached to the cylindrical body in parallel, spaced relation, each of the claws having a pair of jaws dimensioned and configured for simultaneously gripping coaxially aligned nuts of a T-connector in order to prevent rotation of the T-connector when adjusting a nut on stem of the T-connector.

Claim 11. (*Original*) The T-connector holding tool according to claim 10, wherein said lug has a square drive adjacent the grip portion.

Claim 12. (*Original*) The T-connector holding tool according to claim 11, wherein said square drive further comprises a spring-biased ball bearing extending from the square drive.

Claim 13. (*Canceled*)

Claim 14. (*Currently Amended*) The T-connector holding tool according to claim ~~13~~ 12, wherein the bore defined in the cylindrical body of said head has a square shaped bottom end having at least one detent hole defined therein, the ball bearing snapping into the detent hole to temporarily secure said head to said handle, and a cylindrically shaped top end receiving the cylindrical end portion of said mounting lug.

Claim 15. (*Original*) The T-connector holding tool according to claim 10, wherein each said claw has a smooth, arcuate, cylindrical interior surface.

Claim 16. (*Original*) The T-connector holding tool according to claim 10, wherein said bore extends axially through said cylindrical body.

Claim 17. (*Original*) The T-connector holding tool according to claim 10, wherein said bore extends transversely through said cylindrical body.

Claims 18-21 (*Canceled*)